GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:398
ANSWERED ON:09.04.2003
EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF BSNL NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has drawn up a plan worth rupees several hundred crores during 2003-04 for the expansion and modernisation of its business network; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISINVESTMENT (ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STA QUESTION NO. 398 FOR 9TH APRIL, 2003 REGARDING EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF BSNL NETWORK.

(a) Yes, Sir, BSNL has drawn up a plan worth Rs. 12285 crores for expansion and modernisation of its business network during 2003-04.

(b) The scheme wise details on which the said amount is likely to be spent are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes	Financial Outlay (Rs. Crore)
1.	Local Telephone Systems#	7543.69
2.	Long distance Switching	400.00
3.	Long Distance Transmission	1633.80
4.	Insat & Intelsat	123.10
5.	Telex & Telegraph	10.65
6.	Other Land & Building	827.58
7	Ancillary Systems	135.00
8.	New Services/Modernisation	1445.94
9.	Office Expenditure, Furniture & Fitting	2.24
10.	Deferred Payment (For Underground Cable)	163.00
	Total Financial Outlay	12285.00

There is a provision for replacement of 80,000 VPTs working on MARR.